

CHOICES FROM THE LARGE ROOMS OF THE DISTRICT.

WASHINGTON COMMANDERY.

Washington Commandery No. 1 had a very jolly jaunt to Chesapeake Beach Monday night. The attendance was large and the excursion in every way enjoyable. It also netted a good sum for the coffers of Old No. 1.

This year's list of Washington's officers, as it now stands, is: Fred W. Behrens, commander; Claude J. King, generalissimo; Jacobus S. Jones, captain general; William H. Yerkes, Jr., senior warden; Jas. A. Rutherford, junior warden; Rev. J. Russell Verbyrke, prelate; Albert F. Fox, treasurer; Henry S. Merrill, recorder; John S. Beach, standard bearer; J. Claude Kelpner, sword bearer; Benjamin S. Graves, war-dancer; Ralph W. Lee, guard; Nathaniel B. Fugit, guard; Edward Kolb, sentinel.

Washington Commandery also has three associate prelates to care for the candidates spiritually, and four surgeons to fix them up temporarily, as follows: Gabriel F. Johnston, Rev. Richard P. Williams, Albion K. Parris, associate prelates; J. B. Gregg, C. D. Percy, Hickling, E. C. C. Winter, George N. Perry, surgeons.

The commandery conferred the I. O. of the R. C. Wednesday night, with Generalissimo Claude F. King as King Darius.

In the last official circular of the commandery Recorder H. S. Merrill thus gracefully compliments a well-known medical frater: "We learn with much pleasure of the recent appointment of Sir Knight D. P. Hickling, of our commandery, to the staff of physicians at Providence Hospital. While congratulating the doctor, we feel that the hospital should also be congratulated on the addition to its staff of one standing so high in his profession."

MASONIC NOTES.

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 7, O. E. S., gave a largely attended and successful excursion to Indian Head last Friday night.

Mount Horeb, Royal Arch Chapter, conferred the most excellent master's degree Friday night. This beautiful but not always sufficiently considered degree is finely worked in Mount Horeb.

Worshipful Master Frank H. Thomas, of William R. Singleton Lodge, F. A. A. M., gave an entertainment to the lodge at his residence in Cleveland Park Tuesday night. There was a good attendance, and the evening was passed very merrily. William R. Singleton is young yet and little, but is very lively and bound to grow.

At a recent meeting of Eureka Lodge, No. 5, F. A. A. M., resolutions were unanimously adopted complimenting Chairman W. H. J. Malvin and his committee upon the recent successful Masonic excursion, given for the purpose of refurbishing the several lodge rooms. There were 2,562 tickets received at the boat.

THE PYTHIAN MEETINGS.

The following are the several distinct organizations, all affiliated with Pythianism, which are to meet at San Francisco, beginning August 11.

The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Ogden H. Fethers, of Wisconsin, supreme chancellor. This body is composed of the following classes: (1) Life members, all past supreme chancellors; (2) members ex-officio, all the present officers of the supreme lodge; (3) representatives elected from each of the grand domains, which are subordinate to the supreme lodge; (4) members of the supreme lodge, who are not representative, comprising all past grand chancellors. The latter class does not vote.

The board of control of the Endowment Rank, K. of P., Charles P. S. Neal, of Indiana, president. This body consists of the supreme chancellor, the supreme vice chancellor ex-officio, and of certain other members elected by the supreme lodge. It has charge of the management of the affairs of the Endowment Rank, under the control of the supreme lodge.

The Military Rank of Knights Loy- al, Maj. Gen. James R. Carnahan, of Indiana, commanding. This is commonly known as the Uniformed Rank, and is under the direct control of the supreme lodge, but is independently of it. The great feature of the whole meeting at Frisco, will be the parade of these finely uniformed and disciplined men. There were 10,000 Knights Loy- al in line at the last session of the supreme lodge in Detroit.

Speaking of the part uniformed knights took in the war with Spain, General Carnahan says between 4,000 and 5,000 of them, from their soldierly training under army tactics, and regulations, were immediately accepted for the volunteer regiments. Besides, from their officers, four brigadiers general, including General McKee, Gen. Charles King, and General Barker, were commissioned, and in addition there were twenty-eight colonels, and a goodly number of other officers appointed for army service. He had the assurance that if more volunteers had been called for the Uniformed Rank would have been allowed to recruit several regiments from the thoroughly American soldier branch of the Pythian order.

The Imperial Palace of the D. O. K. K., Frank H. Clarke, of Michigan, imperial prince. This is the social or humorous branch of Pythianism. It is no part of the Pythian organization, but it is composed wholly of Pythians, and in many respects resembles the Mystic Shrine of Masonry. The Imperial Palace is composed of the officers and one representative from each temple of the order.

The Supreme Temple of the Rathbone Sisters, Mrs. Dell P. Glazier, of Iowa, supreme chief. This organization is composed of the wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters of Pythians. Knights can become passive members, but cannot hold office. It differs in several marked respects from the Eastern Star and Rebekah orders, although its purpose is much the same.

Among the many important matters to be considered by the Imperial Palace at the meeting will be the report of the special committee appointed at the last session to revise the laws. The committee, consisting of F. E. Duncan, S. V. P., J. W. Bartholomew, of No. 80; E. D. Guffey, of No. 79; William Beatty, imperial officer, and H. W. Belding, imperial secretary, will have its report ready on the first day of the session. It is the intention of the Imperial Palace to act promptly, not only on this matter, but all others, at the same time avoiding undue haste in legislation. Another important matter to come up will be the

NEXT IN DES MOINES.

The sovereign grand lodge I. O. O. F. will hold its annual session in Des Moines, Iowa, this year, September 15-20 inclusive, and in honor of this event the brethren of the entire jurisdiction have, by hearty and unanimous accord, resolved to celebrate the occasion in a manner becoming its importance and creditable alike to this prosperous jurisdiction and the capital city in which the session is to be held. The grand lodge of Iowa attended its

the opening of the K. of C. temple, has received many commendations for the excellent work done by its committee. The "New Century" gives the following description of the new temple, the dedication of which will take place in the fall. This building, formerly the E. Baptist Church, has been completely refitted up for the purposes of the order. The entrance is on E Street near Sixth, and as you enter the building you face a large and well-equipped billiard, pool, and card room. To the right and left of this room, facing the main entrance, are two large committee rooms. To the right and left as you enter the building wide circular stairways lead to the main council meeting room on the second floor, which is thoroughly fitted with organ and other furniture, and is capable of seating comfortably several hundred people. To the rear and off from this main council hall are lavatories, and on the north side of the building a room suitable for an officers' or committee meeting room; and above there is a balcony extending for the entire width of the building for the accommodation of musicians or guests. The basement contains the necessary domestic offices, so that the knights may not lack the conveniences wherewith to provide for the comfort of the inner man.

FOR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief John McElroy will have strong rivals in his candidacy for the first honor in the Grand Army. The most recent formal entry is Louis Wagner, past commander-in-chief, chairman; Thomas G. Sample, past department commander, secretary; Robert B. Beath, past commander-in-chief; J. P. S. Gobin, past commander-in-chief; J. M. Vanderslice, past department commander; William Emsley, past department commander; H. H. Cummings, past department commander; James F. Morrison, past department commander; Charles Miller, past department commander; Levi G. McCauley, past department commander; H. H. Benough, past No. 157, and Ezra P. Ripple, Post No. 139, have been appointed a committee on the part of Pennsylvania veterans to advance General Stewart's interests. They have issued the following circular in his behalf:

"The committee appointed in accordance with the above quoted resolution respectfully present the qualifications which Comrade Stewart possesses for the satisfaction of performing the duties of commander-in-chief."

"His training in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic as a post commander, as assistant inspector general, as assistant adjutant general for several years, as department commander, and as adjutant general under commanders-in-chief Gobin, Sexton, Johnson, and Shaw has given him information and experience as to the history, hopes and expectations of the grand lodge which render him especially equipped to fill satisfactorily the honorable position for which the department of Pennsylvania heartily presents him."

"By his unselfish devotion to our order, as evidenced by his serving as adjutant general during the years 1877-88, and 1898-99 without salary, and during 1899-1900 for less than half the salary paid previous to 1897, thousands of dollars were saved to the Grand Army of the Republic, and this at a time when the finances of the order were at a low ebb."

"He has been a member of the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home since its organization sixteen years ago, and was a member of the commission in charge of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools for twelve years."

"In civil life in Pennsylvania he was a member of the general assembly, 1885-86; was elected secretary of internal affairs in 1886; re-elected in 1890; served until 1895, when he resigned to accept appointment as adjutant general of Pennsylvania, to which position he was reappointed in 1899, and in which he is now serving."

"His administration of affairs as an official of the State of Pennsylvania for eighteen years has been characterized by his ability and fidelity, his devotion for him the respect and confidence of all the people."

"For twenty-five years he has been an active, untiring worker in the post to which he belongs, and in departmental and national encampments, and being a fluent public speaker, his services are eagerly sought and freely given at reunions, camps, and veteran occasions generally."

Meanwhile Colonel McElroy is receiving promises of earnest and efficient support from many quarters. The old soldier papers are particularly friendly to him, and many veteran subscribers to his papers will sit in the Grand Lodge convention. A sample of the enthusiastic notices he is receiving will be found in the following from the "Ohio Soldier," printed under the caption "McElroy is All Right."

"We note with a great deal of pleasure that Comrade John McElroy will be a candidate at the national encampment for commander-in-chief. Comrade McElroy is senior vice commander-in-chief, having been elected by unanimous vote at the Cleveland encampment. For a number of years he has been editor of the 'National Tribune' at Washington, a newspaper devoted to the interest of the old soldier. We have not always agreed with Comrade McElroy as to the expediency or desirability of matters advocated by his paper as of urgent importance, but concede to him the same honest, conscientious purposes we claim for ourselves. We cannot all agree as to what policy is best to pursue at all times, but we can all concede integrity of purpose, where nothing to the contrary is apparent in long years of service. This integrity everybody concedes, and we know that Comrade McElroy has worked at nights in the interests of his comrades, while those who have worked less and thought less of his comrades have gathered round him, and he has been a great help to them. We learned comradeship in a surer and sterner field, where the odor was gunpowder, the music was the blare of trumpets, and the eloquence was the sharp, curt orders of the officer. The answering applauses were the deadly volley of the rebel rifle and the shrieking shell; where the lid of a cracker box was the festive board; or in that deadly dell of damnation, Andersonville, where even crackers and cracker boxes were unknown except to the hungry dream of a famishing patriot. It was picked up on the line of march where the already overburdened shoulders did not hesitate to lend a helping hand by bearing the belongings of the weary soldier, or skirting the road for miles that he might have a drink of clean, fresh water, or some delicacy not found in the army ration; where selfish seeking had no existence, and the strife was all for one and one for all. In that school he learned comradeship, the ties of which were as strong as iron, and with all their rough and jagged edges, as tender as a woman's love, and endures forever."

WILLIAM P. ALLAN, Grand Representative.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

The attention of Washington Knights of Columbus is now largely centered in the forthcoming reunion to be held at Atlantic City on August 2, 3 and 4. The celebration will open with a grand reception and ball, on the steel pier, at 8 o'clock on Saturday evening, August 2. The admission to the pier, including knight and two ladies, will be \$1. Arrangements for the ball will be on the same grand scale that has been characteristic of previous affairs. On Sunday morning, August 3, at 10 o'clock, pontifical high mass will be celebrated at the Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea. The sermon will be delivered by an eminent ecclesiastic. It is possible that on Sunday afternoon knights and their ladies may be invited to attend a sacred concert. On Monday evening, August 4, at 8:30 o'clock, the reunion banquet will be given at Hotel Rudolf. Covers will be laid for 1,200 guests. The assemblage will be addressed by distinguished orators, and will be a most interesting and profitable one. The menu will be within the reach of all. The menu will be elaborate and acceptable to the most fastidious. Headquarters of the committee will be opened at the Hotel Rudolf from August 1 to 4, inclusive, where all visitors will be welcomed and supplied with necessary information. Complete arrangements have been made for the care and comfort of guests. A special rate of \$2.25 for round trip, good for ten days, will be made from Washington.

Chairman Vincent Sheehy, of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the recent ceremonies incident to the opening of the K. of C. temple, has received many commendations for the excellent work done by its committee. The "New Century" gives the following description of the new temple, the dedication of which will take place in the fall. This building, formerly the E. Baptist Church, has been completely refitted up for the purposes of the order. The entrance is on E Street near Sixth, and as you enter the building you face a large and well-equipped billiard, pool, and card room. To the right and left of this room, facing the main entrance, are two large committee rooms. To the right and left as you enter the building wide circular stairways lead to the main council meeting room on the second floor, which is thoroughly fitted with organ and other furniture, and is capable of seating comfortably several hundred people. To the rear and off from this main council hall are lavatories, and on the north side of the building a room suitable for an officers' or committee meeting room; and above there is a balcony extending for the entire width of the building for the accommodation of musicians or guests. The basement contains the necessary domestic offices, so that the knights may not lack the conveniences wherewith to provide for the comfort of the inner man.

KANSAS AT ENCAMPMENT.

Department Commander H. C. Loomis and Assistant Quartermaster General Coulter, of the Department of Kansas G. A. R., who were here a few days ago, are planning to make the Washington encampment a great advertisement of the riches and resources of their State. They have secured a central location here for their headquarters. The "Topsie Capital" says: "It is the idea of the Grand Army people to assemble representative Kansas products in abundance and with such arrangement as to make them a most convincing argument of the fertility of Kansas soil. In Boston during the G. A. R. encampment in 1890 a similar effort was made, although at that time there was not obtained suitable quarters. The Kansas exhibit was crowded into a room with a similar exhibit from Texas, and in the words of one of the enthusiastic Kansas G. A. R. men, the Kansas display 'laid it all over the one from Texas.' As there are yet a number of months in which to prepare for the encampment display there is ample time in which to get together the Kansas specimens that will be used. These are to be of agricultural and mineral products of every sort. The suggestion has been made, and will probably be followed, that the principal room be allotted the wall and floor space in the two rooms, which aggregate an area of about 25x59 feet. By this arrangement each town will have a certain amount to contribute to the display and of such products that it will be impossible to plan ahead toward securing the best artistic effects. The idea is to advertise Kansas, and the Grand Army representatives from Kansas are taking it up with a will. Further preparation will be announced soon. It is probable that the details of the making of the collections of display material will be left in the hands of the various commercial clubs and business men's organizations in the towns of Kansas."

PATRIOTIC SONS.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of Washington Camp No. 3, Patriotic Order Sons of America, was held last Wednesday night at Schmidt's Hall. The occasion was the second annual installation of officers. District President John F. May was present and installed the following officers: Past president, A. S. Sampson; president, C. F. Kraus; vice president, J. C. Le Veque; master of forms, Howard Dutton; recording secretary, Edwin J. Robb; financial secretary, F. L. Farley; treasurer, A. L. Sampson; conductor, V. R. Spillman; inspector, W. D. Jones; guard, T. Hester; trustee, C. F. Kraus; J. C. Le Veque; and Edwin J. Robb. After the installation District President John F. May delivered a very eloquent speech in which he congratulated Washington Camp on its fine appearance, and he told the members to stick together and work for the best interests of the camp. District President May also spoke along patriotic

lines. Other speeches were made by C. F. Kraus, F. L. Farley, A. L. Sampson, and many others. The P. O. S. of A. Glee Club was present and rendered many fine patriotic songs. Homer J. Sockling recited an original poem, entitled "Old Glory." Refreshments were then served, consisting of ice cream and cakes and cigars, after which the meeting was converted into an impromptu smoker, which lasted until a late hour.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN.

The First District Commandery met Sunday afternoon at Jennings' Hall. St. Peter's Commandery, No. 134, will give its annual excursion August 4, to Chesapeake Beach. The committee promises an enjoyable time to all who attend. A committee composed of Brothers J. T. Jennings, L. H. Lammann, and D. S. Sheehan, of this commandery, has been appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of the mother of Brother Michael Kirby, also to have the yearly mass said for the deceased members of the commandery.

READY AT SALT LAKE.

The antlered herd which is to drink of the waters of the Great Salt Lake next month promises to be very large one. The Elks and people of Salt Lake generally have completed arrangements for the most ample entertainment of the visitors. A proclamation has been issued by Salt Lake Lodge, No. 55, assuring the order that all the promises made at Milwaukee will be carried out to the letter, and that no effort will be spared to make the gathering a grand success, and to insure the happiness and comfort of every visiting brother. Accommodations are prepared for all, entertainments of all kinds arranged for, and liberal cash prizes will be awarded to the best bands and drill teams, and the most unique uniforms.

ARCANUM EXCURSION.

National Council, of the Royal Arcanum, gave an excursion down the Potomac and Chesapeake last Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. It was attended by several hundreds of members of the Arcanum in this city, and their friends. The steamer Newport News was chartered for the trip. The whole of Sunday was passed at Newport News, where the Washingtonians affiliated with members of the local council. A large number of well-known members participated in the excursion, and prominent talent in the excursion, and prominent talent planned an entertainment in which James H. Cathell, Will H. Chandler, Prof. Yand, and W. H. Merrill participated. The excursion was arranged and managed by the following committee: G. L. Lorber, George M. Evans, Frank Gunning, J. D. Free, and John W. Harsha. W. H. Kelly, of Kismet Council, carried off the prize of a diamond charm offered by National Council for selling the most tickets. The whole affair was a splendid success.

THE RED MEN.

The Improved Order of Red Men teaches and exemplifies the principles of friendship and brotherly helpfulness. Its precepts inspire all with the principles of fraternal love and good-fellowship, and with the divine idea of the brotherhood of man, and bring to the surface the generous and harmonious relations among men. Its teachings refine their natures, ennoble their characters, and awaken their minds to the highest aspirations. It especially appeals to the patriotic sentiments of the American citizen by reason of its origin, its traditions, and its ceremonies. The order has been criticized in some instances, because of its title, and the supposed barbarism of its ceremonies, but every true, intelligent Red Man takes great delight in the fact that the order is the acknowledged conservator of the history, the customs, and the virtues of the original American people—a people conceded by the early travelers and writers to have been intelligent, brave, and free, loyal in their friendships, generous in their hospitalities, and with many traits of character worthy of emulation by the civilized race.

The Improved Order of Red Men is the oldest order of American origin in existence today, having its birth in Annapolis, Md., in 1774. The Great Council of the United States exercises authority over the whole order, the great councils of the States having control in their own jurisdiction.

The local organizations are designated as tribes. The degrees are three in number—"Adoption," "Warriors," and "Chiefs." The ceremonies of conferring each degree are very beautiful, but comparatively brief. As a man enters the wigwams of the order, so he departs—a free man. The questions of politics or religion are not allowed to weigh as qualifications for membership. It being necessary only that the candidates shall be white, eighteen years of age, of good moral character, of sound body and health, and with a belief in the existence of a Great Spirit, in whom all power exists. The Improved Order of Red Men pays sick benefits and death claims.

SENECA TRIBE OFFICERS.

Seneca Tribe No. 11 held a very well-attended and enthusiastic meeting, and after the regular routine business was transacted Deputy Great Sachem J. E. Payne, assisted by Past Sachems S. H. Jacobsen, W. B. Wilson, and P. L. Lewis took charge and installed the following officers for the ensuing term: Prophet, John A. Gerhold; sachem, Hindman Doherty; senior sagamore, Robert F. Martin; junior sagamore, O. F. Dickey; chief of records, J. B. Altman; collector of wampum, John E. Hodgson; keeper of wampum, Charles D. Scott; first sannah, P. L. Lewis; second sannah, W. J. Hooker; guard of the forest, W. B. Wilson; guard of the wigwam, W. T. Harris; first warrior, John Doerr; second warrior, Erwin Erb. Refreshments were served after installation.

MACCABEE NOTES.

King David Tent, No. 11, at its review last Monday night, served refreshments to its members and invited guests.

Mr. Guy E. Padgett, R. K. of National No. 1, is off to Colonial Beach for a ten days' recreation.

D. W. Gall, state commander, has been on the sick list for the last ten days, but is again among his folks pushing the work.

Golden Rule Tent held a lawn party this week, which was a great success. On Wednesday night Golden Rule Hivemembers were the special guests of the tent.

Capital Tent No. 9 has gotten down to work under its new officers. On Monday the officers and committees met at the home of the record keeper, and devised "ways and means" to make their revenues interesting and increase the membership.

Mount Vernon Tent will pass the 600 mark before the end of the year. It has a bustling membership.

Georgetown Tent at its review on last Monday night elected Frank J. Wisner R. K. and Martin Wood F. K.

The commander of Brookland Tent is out of the city, enjoying a vacation.

The State commander attended the lawn party of Golden Rule Tent on Wednesday night, as the special guest of the tent.

The commander of National Tent has only to have the co-operation of the membership to make the tent boom. The tent has nearly 700 members, and hopes to increase its membership to 1,000.

Winfield Scott Schley Division, No. 1, U. R. K. O. T. M. attended the lawn party on Wednesday night in a body as the guests of the tent.

THE HIBERNIANS.

P. T. Moran, Ross F. Downing, and P. J. Hattigan have returned from visiting the A. O. H. convention at Denver. They report having had an exceedingly enjoyable time from beginning to end.

Mrs. THOMAS A. BYNUM.

THE "THREE BLACK KINGS" AT AUGSBURG.

A famous hostelry, the Drei Mohren, in Augsburg, is about to come under the hammer. Built in the early years of the sixteenth century by Hans Herwart, a wealthy merchant of Augsburg, and bought from him in 1559 by Jacob Fugger, the Rothschild of his time, the house passed through the hands of various private owners, until in 1723 it was bought by one Andreas Wahl, and by him converted into a hotel. It is probable that the Emperor Charles V. staid in the house in Herwart's time, and the Emperor Maximilian II. is known to have been Jacob Fugger's guest there in 1566. The list of illustrious and famous personages who visited the house during its palmy days as a hostelry, when Augsburg was a much visited town—apart from its own attractions it was a kind of half-way house between Ulm and Munich, and a natural halting way on the journey to and from Switzerland and Italy—seems an endless one, and the guest books of the hotel, which have been carefully preserved, must be very interesting reading. In 1792 Kaiser Francis II. staid there with his wife, Maria Theresa.

In 1801 Napoleon stopped at Augsburg, and many of his generals stayed at the Drei Mohren, Napoleon himself occupying the episcopal residence. The Empress Josephine was a guest in 1805 on her way to Munich, whither Napoleon had summoned her. Late in December of the same year the Bavarian Major von Hausmann signed the great book and opposite his name appears the statement that he came "to occupy our free town in the name of the prince of Bavaria." On March 3, 1806, the formal delivery of the town to the Bavarian commissioners was celebrated by a great banquet at the hotel. In 1810 the Archduchess Marie Louise stopped there with a great suite on her journey to Paris to supplant the divorced Josephine. During the later Napoleonic wars there was much journeying of soldiers and diplomats backward and forward through Augsburg, and we find in the guest book of the Drei Mohren the names of Matternich, Casterleugh, Canlung, Wallington, Talleyrand, and others entered on their journey to the congress of Vienna. Soon, however, the stream was turned in the opposite direction, and there was great journeying of the notables of

France, where Napoleon had reappeared and was showing very scant respect for the decrees of congress. After Napoleon's final fall the Drei Mohren sheltered Jerome Bonaparte (who signed himself Duke of Otranto), Count Walewski, Gustavus Waza and others of the great Corsican's proteges who had shared in his fall. In the following decades we find names whose fame is of a different kind—Paukerbach, Lamartine, Walter Scott, Paganini, Spontini, Uhland. In 1866, on August 24, the German federation was dissolved in Augsburg, and here again the Drei Mohren was the scene of the formalities. This was Augsburg's last appearance as a "Weltpolitik," and since then, though the Drei Mohren has extended its hospitality on several occasions both to the old Emperor William and to his son, who as crown prince was immensely beloved in Augsburg, and whose visits were always made occasions of great rejoicing, Augsburg and its famous "Gasthof" have suffered eclipse. Augsburg is no longer a great place of call; the travelers who would once have stayed there are now whisked past in the Orient express, and the Drei Mohren is fallen from its high estate.—Manchester Guardian.